

**Governmental Affairs Committee
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2004 - 8:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairman Michael Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Those present: Ben Kaquatosh, Lisa Waukau, Andy Westphal and Kathy Kaquatosh. Jeremy Weso and Gary Besaw were absent. Ann Marie Johnson was also present for the meeting.

2. Moment of Silence - A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated May 5, 2004-

Motion made by Lisa Waukau to approve the minutes dated May 5, 2004. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Complaint Procedure-

Ben informed the committee that the complaint procedure is being worked on and is not ready for committee action yet.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

5. Net Use Revenue Plan-

Committee members reviewed the plan and made some minor changes.

Motion made by Lisa Waukau to approve the Net Use Revenue Plan changes and send to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for concurrence. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

6. Review Rules of the Legislature-

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the Rules of the Legislature. Committee members feel that the Legislature meetings are lasting too long. There are concerns that executive session is always at the end of the meetings and that's where a lot of important decisions need to be made and by that time the legislators are tired.

Committee discussed the possibility of taking out "other business" and replacing it with "public comment" at the beginning of the meeting. The purpose is to that it gives the community members time to speak and that they be limited to 3 minutes. If a community member would like to speak they would sign up before the meeting starts.

Committee also discussed the Tribal Chairperson and how they should be allowed employee benefits such as 401K. Committee members stated that if changes like that are made they need to be done at the February 9 organizational meeting before a Chair is selected.

Gary Besaw submitted changes to the time on task section of the rules and committee made some further changes.

Chairman Chapman will add the changes to the document and committee will review it at the next meeting.

7. Other Business-

Ann Marie Johnson was present to discuss 95-04 Governmental Plan. Ann Marie would like to know why most committees have more than one Legislator sitting on the committee and Community Development only has one. Ann Marie stated that her committee has a lot of issues and would like some help.

No action was taken.

8. **Adjournment-**
Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Lisa Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services